

**Colin Bailey** is the Executive Director of the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW). As an accomplished social justice attorney, Colin leads and supports EJCW's statewide policy agenda, local and regional programs, outreach and education activities, and member organizations. Building upon California's historic adoption, last year, of the Human Right to Water as state policy, EJCW now supports the grassroots effort to implement this mandate statewide.

Colin serves on several local, regional, and national nonprofit boards, including that of the Sacramento-based Alchemist Community Development Corporation and Mutual Housing California, an affordable housing developer, as well as the advisory committee for a nationwide human rights advocacy program. He has served as chair of the Sacramento-based, Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE) and founded the Capital Region Organizing Project (or "CROP") to build community-based power to advance equity and justice throughout the Capital region.

Additional snippets:

In his role as a legal aid attorney, Colin served as lead counsel for a community coalition that, last year, after a five-year campaign, defeated a first-of-its-kind, proposed underground natural gas storage facility that threatened to cause massive explosion and fire and contaminate the groundwater in a low-income community of color in south Sacramento. This victory is the subject of an upcoming documentary film, titled, "Walking on gas." For more information, see: [www.walkingongas.com](http://www.walkingongas.com).

In addition, Colin worked with his homeless clients in Safe Ground Sacramento to bring the United Nations and other international attention to the ways in which local jurisdictions' frustrate the realization of the human right to water and sanitation for homeless people.